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IN THE CLAIMS

1 1-2. (canceled)

1 3. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim 2  
2 14, wherein said pair of extension members of said  
3 attaching portion are mirror images of each other;  
4 wherein said pair of extension members of said attaching  
5 portion are vertically-oriented;  
6 wherein said pair of extension members of said attaching  
7 portion are spaced-apart from each other;  
8 wherein said pair of extension members of said attaching  
9 portion lie in the same plane;  
10 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension  
11 members of said attaching portion is rod-like;  
12 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension  
13 members of said attaching portion is slender; and  
14 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension  
15 members of said attaching portion is elongated.

1 4. (canceled)

1 5. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim 4  
2 14, wherein said upper portion of each extension member  
3 of said pair of extension members of said attaching  
4 portion depends from said uppermost end of an associated  
5 extension member of said pair of extension members of  
6 said attaching portion to a first transition point.

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1     6.     (currently amended)   The holster as defined in claim 4  
2             14, wherein said upper portion of each extension member  
3             of said pair of extension members of said attaching  
4             portion is straight; and  
5             wherein said upper portion of each extension member of  
6             said pair of extension members of said attaching portion  
7             is parallel to the other.

1     7.     (original)   The holster as defined in claim 5, wherein  
2             said intermediate portion of each extension member of  
3             said pair of extension members of said attaching portion  
4             depends sidewardly outwardly from said first transition  
5             point of said upper portion of an associated extension  
6             member of said pair of extension members of said  
7             attaching portion to a second transition point.

1     8.     (currently amended)   The holster as defined in claim 4  
2             14, wherein said intermediate portion of each extension  
3             member of said pair of extension members of said  
4             attaching portion is continuous with said upper portion  
5             of an associated extension member of said pair of  
6             extension members of said attaching portion so as to  
7             allow said intermediate portion of each extension member  
8             of said pair of extension members of said attaching  
9             portion to be one-piece with said upper portion of said  
10            associated extension member of said pair of extension  
11            members of said attaching portion.

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1 9. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim 4  
2 14, wherein said intermediate portion of each extension  
3 member of said pair of extension members of said  
4 attaching portion is straight.

1 10. (original) The holster as defined in claim 7, wherein  
2 said lower portion of each extension member of said pair  
3 of extension members of said attaching portion depends  
4 from said second transition point of said intermediate  
5 portion of an associated extension member of said pair  
6 of extension members of said attaching portion to said  
7 lowermost end of said associated extension member of said  
8 pair of extension members of said attaching portion.

1 11. (original) The holster as defined in claim 7, wherein  
2 said lower portion of each extension member of said pair  
3 of extension members of said attaching portion is  
4 continuous with said intermediate portion of an  
5 associated extension member of said pair of extension  
6 members of said attaching portion so as to allow said  
7 lower portion of each extension member of said pair of  
8 extension members of said attaching portion to be one-  
9 piece with said intermediate portion of said associated  
10 extension member of said pair of extension members of  
11 said attaching portion.

1 12. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim 4  
2 14, wherein said lower portion of each said member of

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3 said pair of said members of said attaching portion is  
4 straight;  
5 wherein said lower portion of each extension member of  
6 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion  
7 is parallel to the other;  
8 wherein said lower portion of each extension member of  
9 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion  
10 is outboard of said upper portion of an associated  
11 extension member of said pair of extension members of  
12 said attaching portion; and  
13 wherein said lower portion of each extension member of  
14 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion  
15 is parallel to said upper portion of said associated  
16 extension member of said pair of extension members of  
17 said attaching portion.

1 13. (canceled)

1 14. (currently amended) ~~The holster as defined in claim 13,~~  
2 A holster for attaching to an leg of a user and holding  
3 a hammer, wherein the hammer has a handle and a head, and  
4 wherein the head of the hammer extends transversely from  
5 the handle of the hammer so as to form a general T-shape,  
6 said holster comprising:  
7 a) an attaching portion; and  
8 b) a holding portion;  
9 wherein said attaching portion is for replaceably  
10 attaching to the leg of the user;

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11 wherein said holding portion extends from said attaching  
12 portion; wherein said holding portion is for replaceably  
13 holding the hammer in a position which provides complete  
14 freedom of movement of hands and feet of the user and  
15 which permits the user to remove the hammer with the same  
16 hand employed to use the hammer, wherein said attaching  
17 portion comprises a pair of extension members;  
18 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension  
19 members of said attaching portion has a lowermost end;  
20 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension  
21 members of said attaching portion has an uppermost end;  
22 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension  
23 members of said attaching portion has an upper portion;  
24 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension  
25 members of said attaching portion has an intermediate  
26 portion;  
27 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension  
28 members of said attaching portion has a lower portion;  
29 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension  
30 members of said attaching portion has an upper loop;  
31 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension  
32 members of said attaching portion has a lower loop;  
33 wherein said upper loop of each extension member of said  
34 pair of extension members of said attaching portion is  
35 disposed at said uppermost end of an associated extension  
36 member of said pair of extension members of said  
37 attaching portion;  
38 wherein said upper loop of each extension member of said  
39 pair of extension members of said attaching portion

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40 extends forwardly from said uppermost end of said  
41 associated extension member of said pair of extension  
42 members of said attaching portion, away from the leg of  
43 the user for comfort;  
44 wherein said upper loop of each extension member of said  
45 pair of extension members of said attaching portion is  
46 for receiving an upper strap; and  
47 wherein the upper strap is for strapping around the leg  
48 of the user.

15. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim ~~13~~  
14, wherein said upper loop of each extension member of  
said pair of extension members of said attaching portion  
is identical to the other;  
wherein said upper loop of each extension member of said  
pair of extension members of said attaching portion is  
vertically-oriented;  
wherein said upper loop of each extension member of said  
pair of extension members of said attaching portion is  
spaced-apart from the other;  
wherein said upper loop of each extension member of said  
pair of extension members of said attaching portion is  
parallel to the other; and  
wherein said upper loop of each extension member of said  
pair of extension members of said attaching portion is  
aligned with the other.

1 16. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim ~~13~~  
2 14, wherein said upper loop of each extension member of

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3        said pair of extension members of said attaching portion  
4        is formed by an upper member; and  
5        wherein said upper member of said upper loop of each  
6        extension member of said pair of extension members of  
7        said attaching portion is attached to said uppermost end  
8        of an associated extension member of said pair of  
9        extension members of said attaching portion.

1       17.    (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim 16  
2       14, wherein said upper extension member of said upper  
3       loop of each extension member of said pair of extension  
4       members of said attaching portion is welded to said  
5       uppermost end of an associated extension member of said  
6       pair of extension members of said attaching portion.

1       18.    (original) The holster as defined in claim 16, wherein  
2       said upper member of said upper loop of each extension  
3       member of said pair of extension members of said  
4       attaching portion is arcuate-shaped;  
5       wherein said upper member of said upper loop of each  
6       extension member of said pair of extension members of  
7       said attaching portion is vertically-oriented;  
8       wherein said upper member of said upper loop of each  
9       extension member of said pair of extension members of  
10      said attaching portion is spaced-apart from the other;  
11      and  
12      wherein said upper member of said upper loop of each  
13      extension member of said pair of extension members of  
14      said attaching portion is parallel to the other.

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1 19. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim ~~13~~  
2 14, wherein said lower loop of each extension member of  
3 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion  
4 is disposed at said lowermost end of an associated  
5 extension member of said pair of extension members of  
6 said attaching portion;  
7 wherein said lower loop of each extension member of said  
8 pair of extension members of said attaching portion  
9 extends rearwardly from said lowermost end of said  
10 associated extension member of said pair of extension  
11 members of said attaching portion, towards the leg of the  
12 user ~~13~~ for spacing to compensate for the depending taper  
13 of the leg of the user;  
14 wherein said lower loop of each extension member of said  
15 pair of members of said attaching portion is for  
16 receiving a lower strap; and  
17 wherein the lower strap is for strapping around the leg  
18 of the user.

1 20. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim ~~13~~  
2 14, wherein said lower loop of each extension member of  
3 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion  
4 is identical to the other;  
5 wherein said lower loop of each extension member of said  
6 pair of extension members of said attaching portion is  
7 vertically-oriented;  
8 wherein said lower loop of each extension member of said  
9 pair of extension members of said attaching portion is  
10 spaced-apart from the other;

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11 wherein said lower loop of each extension member of said  
12 pair of extension members of said attaching portion is  
13 parallel to the other; and  
14 wherein said lower loop of each extension member of said  
15 pair of extension members of said attaching portion is  
16 aligned with the other.

1 21. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim ~~13~~  
2 14, wherein said lower loop of each extension member of  
3 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion  
4 is formed by a lower member; and  
5 wherein said lower member is attached to said lowermost  
6 end of an associated extension member of said pair of  
7 extension members of said attaching portion.

1 22. (original) The holster as defined in claim 21, wherein  
2 said lower member of said lower loop of each extension  
3 member of said pair of extension members of said  
4 attaching portion is welded to said lowermost end of an  
5 associated extension member of said pair of extension  
6 members of said attaching portion.

1 23. (original) The holster as defined in claim 21, wherein  
2 said lower loop of each extension member of said pair of  
3 extension members of said attaching portion is generally  
4 square-shaped;  
5 wherein said lower member of said lower loop of each  
6 extension member of said pair of extension members of  
7 said attaching portion is straight;

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8 wherein said lower member of said lower loop of each  
9 extension member of said pair of extension members of  
10 said attaching portion is vertically-oriented;  
11 wherein said lower member of said lower loop of each  
12 extension member of said pair of extension members of  
13 said attaching portion is spaced-apart from the other;  
14 and  
15 wherein said lower member of said lower loop of each  
16 extension member of said pair of extension members of  
17 said attaching portion is parallel to the other.

1 24. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim ~~13~~  
2 14, wherein said lower loop of each extension member of  
3 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion  
4 is wider than said loop of an associated extension member  
5 of said pair of extension members of said attaching  
6 portion.

1 25. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim ~~13~~  
2 14, wherein said attaching portion comprises a cross  
3 member; and  
4 wherein said cross member of said attaching portion  
5 extends from said lower loop of one extension member of  
6 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion  
7 to said lower loop of the other extension member of said  
8 pair of extension members of said attaching portion.

1 26. (original) The holster as defined in claim 25, wherein  
2 said cross member of said attaching portion is rod-like;

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3 wherein said cross member of said attaching portion is  
4 slender;  
5 wherein said cross member of said attaching portion is  
6 elongated; and  
7 wherein said cross member of said attaching portion arcs  
8 for conforming to the leg of the user.

1 27. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim 4  
2 14, wherein said holding portion comprises a pair of  
3 segment members; and  
4 wherein said pair of segment members of said holding  
5 portion are for holding the head of the hammer.

1 28. (original) The holster as defined in claim 27, wherein  
2 said pair of segment members of said holding portion are  
3 mirror images of each other;  
4 wherein said pair of segment members of said holding  
5 portion are vertically-oriented;  
6 wherein said pair of segment members of said holding  
7 portion are spaced-apart from each other;  
8 wherein each segment member of said pair of segment  
9 members of said holding portion is rod-like;  
10 wherein each segment member of said pair of segment  
11 members of said holding portion is slender; and  
12 wherein each segment member of said pair of segment  
13 members of said holding portion is elongated.

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1 29. (original) The holster as defined in claim 27, wherein  
2 each segment member of said pair of segment members of  
3 said holding portion has a forwardmost end;  
4 wherein each segment member of said pair of segment  
5 members of said holding portion has a rear portion;  
6 wherein each segment member of said pair of segment  
7 members of said holding portion has a lower portion; and  
8 wherein each segment member of said pair of segment  
9 members of said holding portion has a forward portion.

1 30. (original) The holster as defined in claim 29, wherein  
2 said rear portion of each segment member of said pair of  
3 segment members of said holding portion depends forwardly  
4 from said lowermost end of an associated extension member  
5 of said pair of extension members of said attaching  
6 portion to a first transition point.

1 31. (original) The holster as defined in claim 29, wherein  
2 said rear portion of each segment member of said pair of  
3 segment members of said holding portion is straight; and  
4 wherein said rear portion of each segment member of said  
5 pair of segment members of said holding portion is  
6 parallel to the other.

1 32. (original) The holster as defined in claim 30, wherein  
2 said lower portion of each segment member of said pair  
3 of segment members of said holding portion extends  
4 forwardly, upwardly, and inwardly from said first  
5 transition point of said rear portion of an associated

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6 segment member of said pair of segment members of said  
7 holding portion to a second transition point.

1 33. (original) The holster as defined in claim 29, wherein  
2 said lower portion of each segment member of said pair  
3 of segment members of said holding portion is continuous  
4 with said rear portion of an associated segment member  
5 of said pair of segment members of said holding portion  
6 so as to allow said lower portion of each segment member  
7 of said pair of segment members of said holding portion  
8 to be one-piece with said rear portion of said associated  
9 segment member of said pair of segment members of said  
10 holding portion.

1 34. (original) The holster as defined in claim 29, wherein  
2 said lower portion of each segment member of said pair  
3 of segment members of said holding portion is straight;  
4 and  
5 wherein said lower portion of each segment member of said  
6 pair of segment members of said holding portion converges  
7 towards the other.

1 35. (original) The holster as defined in claim 32, wherein  
2 said forward portion of each segment member of said pair  
3 of segment members of said holding portion extends  
4 upwardly and inwardly from said second transition point  
5 of said lower portion of an associated segment member of  
6 said pair of segment members of said holding portion to

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7 said forwardmost end of said associated segment member  
8 of said pair of segment members of said holding portion.

1 36. (original) The holster as defined in claim 29, wherein  
2 said forward portion of each segment member of said pair  
3 of segment members of said holding portion is continuous  
4 with said lower portion of an associated segment member  
5 of said pair of segment members of said holding portion  
6 so as to allow said forward portion of each segment  
7 member of said pair of segment members of said holding  
8 portion to be one-piece with said lower portion of said  
9 associated segment member of said pair of segment members  
10 of said holding portion.

1 37. (original) The holster as defined in claim 29, wherein  
2 said forward portion of each segment member of said pair  
3 of segment members of said holding portion is straight;  
4 wherein said forward portion of each segment member of  
5 said pair of segment members of said holding portion  
6 converges towards the other;  
7 wherein said forward portion of each segment member of  
8 said pair of segment members of said holding portion is  
9 inboard of said rear portion of an associated segment  
10 member of said pair of segment members of said holding  
11 portion; and  
12 wherein said forward portion of each segment member of  
13 said pair of segment members of said holding portion lies  
14 in a general parallel plane to said rear portion of an

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15 associated segment member of said pair of segment members  
16 of said holding portion.

1 38. (original) The holster as defined in claim 29, wherein  
2 said holding portion comprises a connecting member;  
3 wherein said connecting member of said holding portion  
4 extends from said forwardmost end of one segment member  
5 of said pair of segment members of said holding portion  
6 to said forwardmost end of the other segment member of  
7 said pair of segment members of said holding portion; and  
8 wherein said connecting member of said holding portion  
9 extends forwardly from said forwardmost end of each  
10 segment member of said pair of segment members of said  
11 holding portion.

1 39. (original) The holster as defined in claim 38, wherein  
2 said connecting member of said holding portion is  
3 continuous with said forward portion of each segment  
4 member of said pair of segment members of said holding  
5 portion so as to allow said connecting member of said  
6 holding portion to be one-piece with said forward portion  
7 of an associated segment member of said pair of segment  
8 members of said holding portion.

1 40. (original) The holster as defined in claim 38, wherein  
2 said connecting member of said holding portion is  
3 inverted U-shaped.

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1 41. (original) The holster as defined in claim 38, wherein  
2 the head of the hammer has a claw;  
3 wherein the head of the hammer has a bell/poll;  
4 wherein said pair of segment members of said holding  
5 portion and said connecting member of said holding  
6 portion form a cradle; and  
7 wherein said cradle of said holding portion is for  
8 replaceably cradling the head of the hammer therein, with  
9 the handle of the hammer extending upwardly therefrom,  
10 with the claw of the hammer extending replaceably through  
11 one segment member of said pair of segment members of  
12 said holding portion, and with the bell/poll of the  
13 hammer extending replaceably through the other segment  
14 member of said pair of segment members of said holding  
15 portion.

1 42. (original) The holster as defined in claim 41, wherein  
2 said holding portion comprises a cross member; and  
3 wherein said cross member of said holding portion extends  
4 horizontally from said forwardmost end of one segment  
5 member of said pair of members of said holding portion  
6 to said forwardmost end of the other segment member of  
7 said pair of segment members of said holding portion.

1 43. (original) The holster as defined in claim 42, wherein  
2 the head of the hammer has a cheek;  
3 wherein said cross member of said holding portion is  
4 flat;

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5 wherein said cross member of said holding portion is  
6 elongated; and  
7 wherein said cross member of said holding portion is for  
8 abutting against the cheek of the head of the hammer and  
9 urging the head of the hammer against said rear portion  
10 of each segment member of said pair of segment members  
11 of said holding portion so as to replaceably maintain the  
12 head of the hammer in said cradle of said holding  
13 portion.

1 44. (original) The holster as defined in claim 13, wherein  
2 said holding member comprises a catch;  
3 wherein said catch of said holding member is generally  
4 U-shaped;  
5 wherein said catch of said holding member extends  
6 forwardly from said upper portion of each extension  
7 member of said pair of extension members of said  
8 attaching portion;  
9 wherein said catch of said holding member extends just  
10 below said upper loop of each extension member of said  
11 pair of extension members of said attaching portion; and  
12 wherein said catch of said holding member is for  
13 replaceably capturing the handle of the hammer therein.

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